

MINUTE ITEM

14. (FILING OF EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS, GEO:-TRINITY CO. AND SISKIYOU CO.)

After presentation of Calendar Item 9 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1957, SUSPENDING THE FILING OF STATE INDEMNITY AND EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS, IS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE TO FILE EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS TO ACQUIRE FEDERAL LANDS IN TRINITY COUNTY AND SISKIYOU COUNTY.

Attachment

Calendar Item 9 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

MISCELLANEOUS

9.

(FILING OF EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS, TRINITY COUNTY AND SISKIYOU COUNTY.)

The Commission at its meeting held September 13, 1957 (Minute Item 15) adopted a resolution relating to the suspension of the filing of indemnity selections and exchanges on behalf of applicants as follows:

THE COMMISSION CONFIRMS THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUSPENDING FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD THE FILING OF INDEMNITY SELECTION APPLICATIONS AND EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS, SUCH SUSPENSIONS NOT TO PRECLUDE THE FILING OF INDEMNITY SELECTION AND EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN BEHALF OF THE STATE AND AT THE OPTION OF THE COMMISSION, OR ANY NECESSARY PROCEDURAL AMENDMENT TO EXISTING APPLICATIONS. FURTHER, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSUMMATE EXISTING EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS BASED UPON THE ORDER OF PROCESSING BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, EACH TO BE WORKED OUT INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE APPLICANT, WITH THE STATE TO ACQUIRE AS MUCH OF THE SELECTED FEDERAL LAND AS POSSIBLE IN EACH APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE VALUE OF BASE LANDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE. APPLICATIONS SHALL BE CANCELLED AS TO THOSE FEDERAL LANDS THE STATE IS UNABLE TO ACQUIRE AS THE RESULT OF INSUFFICIENT BASE LANDS BEING AVAILABLE TO THE STATE//

In April 1954, well before the suspension of these filings was ordered by the Executive Officer and confirmed by the aforesaid resolution at the request of State and County officials, the staff undertook an investigation of the status of all Federal lands in the vicinity of the townsite of Weaverville particularly for the purpose of determining what lands were available from the Federal government for expansion and development of the townsite. A complete investigation and report thereon was made by the staff which resulted in several exchange applications being filed by the State on behalf of various individuals, and the County of Trinity, the latter for the acquisition of an airport site adjacent to the Weaverville townsite. The lands, when acquired, will be sold as school lands and will assist materially in the orderly expansion and development of the town.

The County's exchange application is still pending with the Bureau of Land Management and has been processed to the point of issuance of decisions rejecting conflicting claims. In addition, an exchange application has been filed with the Federal government to acquire lands on which are located a substantial portion of the water facilities serving the town of Weaverville.

The filing of these exchange applications was highly desirable from the State's standpoint since considerable acreage of isolated school sections within the national forests in Trinity County and Siskiyou County was available for which there was no market. The acquisition of other lands on an equal value basis

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will place in State ownership lands which are salable, for which a ready market exists, and which will result in placement of the lands on the tax rolls in the respective counties. In addition, the isolated State lands available for exchange were at one time embraced in the Mountain Home Forest Exchange (S.W.O. 6008) but were eliminated therefrom due to objections expressed by the Board of Supervisors to the exchange of State lands within the county boundaries for lands outside of the county. There is no objection by the Board of Supervisors to an exchange of State and Federal lands within the county boundaries.

In view of renewed public interest in this project which was initiated in 1954, prior to the suspension on the filing of indemnity selection and exchange applications, it would appear desirable and in the public interest to request an amendment to the resolution adopted by the Commission on September 13, 1957. At the time of preparing the recommendations which resulted in the adoption of the September 13, 1957 resolution, the staff was under the impression that all applications for expansion of the Weaverville townsite, in particular, had been filed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1957, SUSPENDING THE FILING OF STATE INDEMNITY AND EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS, BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE TO FILE EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS TO ACQUIRE FEDERAL LANDS IN TRINITY COUNTY AND SISKIYOU COUNTY.